AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a washing machine having a variable speed tub and a variable speed pulsator, the method comprising steps of:

setting a water level in the tub;

supplying water from a water pipe connected to a water valve to the tub according to said water level setting step; and

rotating the pulsator at a first predetermined speed during said water supplying step.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of rotating the pulsator and tub at a second predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second predetermined speed is lower than the first predetermined speed.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of rotating the pulsator and tub at a third predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the third predetermined speed is higher than the first predetermined speed and is sufficient to push the water against an inner circumferential side of the tub.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of rotating the pulsator and tub at a fourth predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the fourth predetermined speed is sufficient to push the laundry against an inner circumferential side of the tub and to push the water up through a top opening of the tub, to rain down of the laundry.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling a washing machine comprising steps of:

setting a water level in a tub;

supplying water to the tub according to said water level setting step;

rotating a pulsator at a first predetermined speed and a second predetermined speed during said water supplying step, wherein the second predetermined speed is slower than the first predetermined speed;

performing a washing step according to a selected wash course after said water supplying step.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the tub is a variable speed tub.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the tub rotates with the pulsator at the second predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a step of rotating the pulsator and tub at a third predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the third predetermined speed is faster than the first predetermined speed and is sufficient to push the water against an inner circumferential side of the tub.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a step of rotating the pulsator and tub at a fourth predetermined speed during said water supplying step until the water in the tub reaches the set water level.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the fourth predetermined speed is sufficient to push the laundry against an inner circumferential side of the tub and to push the water up through a top opening of the tub, to rain down of the laundry.